

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-19, 21-35, and 37-69 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allows claims 1-8 and 37-44.

The examiner rejects claims 9-19, 21-35, and 45-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chmaytelli (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,464) in view of Skinner, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,928,300) and Steer (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,213).

Applicant cancels claims 9-19, 21-35, and 45-69 without prejudice.

Applicant amends claims 3-8 and 38 to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the applicant's patentable techniques, and not for any other reason.

The application remains with claims 1-8 and 37-44 after entering this amendment.

Applicant adds no new matter and requests that the examiner pass this application to issue in view of the following remarks.

Claims Allowable

Applicant thanks Examiner Dao for allowing claims 1-8 and 37-44. Applicant amends claims 3-8 and 38 to correct typographical errors. Applicant believes that these amendments have no effect on the claims' allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The examiner rejects claims 9-19, 21-35, and 45-69 as being unpatentable over Chmaytelli in view of Skinner and Steer.

Applicant cancels claims 9-19, 21-35, and 45-69, without prejudice, solely to further prosecution and allowance of this application. By doing so, applicant does not tacitly or otherwise agree with any of the examiner's rejections. Applicant reserves the right, without prejudice, to present the canceled claims in a future related application.

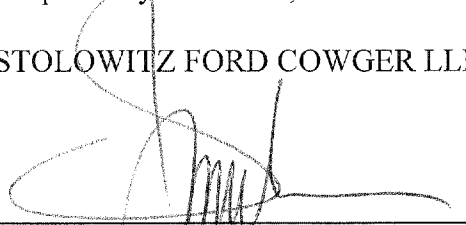
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-8 and 37-44 are allowable and ask that he pass this application to allowance. If the examiner has any questions or believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, applicant encourages the examiner to call the undersigned at (503) 224-2170.

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Respectfully submitted,

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